(c) Yes.

(d) The estimate has been kept back pending inclusion of the work in the budget of 1108.

Commercial Departments.

451. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to the answer to sub-division (c) of question No. 431, reported in the Legislative Council Proceedings, dated 25th March 1931, will the Government be pleased to mention whether the consideration of starting a commercial department is over and if so, what is the decision arrived at?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Orders have been issued for making provision in the budget estimate of 1108, for the organisation of the department, if possible, from the beginning of the year.

Auctioning the lands of judgment-debtors, etc.

452. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—On the strength of all the data available now, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of instances wherein land of the judgment-debtors was auctioned in law and got by the judgment-creditors, the price of which was (1) 10 times and more; (2) 5 times and more; (3) twice and more; (4) and below the best price the land could have procured under the most favourable condition of the day's market;

(b) the reasons for the situations in (a);

(c) the ways how Government intend to prevent their repetition?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—The materials available do not admit of an answer to the question.

Irregularity of wealth.

453. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question 58 of the last session, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they admit the existence of appalling irregularities of wealth in the society; and

(2) if they do so, why they have not the programme indicated in the question?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(1) Yes.

(2) Government cannot interfere with the Economic Laws of Society.

Concentration of land.

454. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question 77 (b) of the last session, will the Government be pleased

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